

The Chieftain

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Take time to say a good word for Vinita.

The chronic sorehead is soon counted out of the political game.

Say a good word for Vinita by encouraging the strangers within our gates.

The Chieftain is for Vinita first and political affiliation as secondary consideration.

Does anyone remember who it was that tried to shut the electric lights out in Vinita a year or so ago?

The Chieftain is for any man, be he public official or private citizen who is trying to do something for Vinita.

Today is one of those days when the bass and croppie will jump out of the water at the hook all day long.

There seems to be a contest among the attorney's as to who is entitled to the credit of securing the enrollment of the Yeargains.

Oh! how badly we do need a live Commercial club to go out and get a few of the many good things that are now to be had for the asking.

How to build a political machine would be a suitable title for the work of the democratic faction in Vinita who insist upon party election.

There is a decided indication of activity in the matter of real estate transfers just now. And by the way it is an excellent time to buy property in Vinita.

Every train brings a party of prospectors from the states looking for a good place to locate. These people ought to be taken in hand and shown about the city.

The present city campaign has produced at least one epigram. Dr. Frazee remarked of a well known technical attorney "He can see a rat but never an eagle."

Muskogee is in the midst of a great city campaign. Torchlight processions, brass bands, etc. It doesn't hurt for a town to get excited and do things occasionally.

It will be very difficult to raise \$25,000 by individual contribution for a world's fair exhibit from the Indian Territory. Men are not quite that public spirited and liberal.

The citizen, who is willing to appease party hate is an unsafe man in office or out of office. As is also the fellow who wants to get even with an imaginary "ring."

The republicans have announced that no party ticket will be put into the coming city campaign. This action is doubtless a bitter disappointment to the machine democrats.

The appointment of George Morton as general passenger and ticket agent of the M. K. & T. Railway company has been announced. Mr. Martin succeeds the late James Barker.

There is a vast amount of new fencing being built. When a Cherokee citizen files on his allotment somehow or other he wants his own fence around it and the section lines open for roads.

One of the political issues before the Indian Territory now is whether Ex-Governor Stanley, the newly appointed member of the Dawes commission, should be required to earn his salary or not.

The number of contests filed at the land office is not nearly so large as it seemed at first that it would be. There are enough however to keep the Commission pretty busy for some time to come.

Vinita people should make it a point to show visitors proper courtesy. There is scarcely a day

passes that does not bring some one to town who will remain and invest their money if given a little attention.

From present prospects this is to be an exceedingly good humorous city campaign. The fellow who is apt to lose his temper would better keep out of politics. A laugh often beats argument in winning votes.

Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department has disbarred John L. Springston of Vian from practicing before the department on account of recently being convicted of charging an excessive fee in pension cases.

The democrats have deferred the selection of a successor of Judge Joseph A. Gill, until after the municipal election. As Gill's term of office don't expire until December the delay will in no way affect public interests.

The next city administration in Vinita will be the most important one in the history of the city. The prospect now is that an expenditure of at least \$100,000 will be intrusted to it. Let us have another business administration.

All the railroads whose lines touch the Indian Territory are sending out tons of literature advertising the great southwest. The eyes of the whole world are directed this way. The next few years will see marvelous development here.

The \$5,000 it is estimated would be required to pave Wilson Street from the well to the court house corner only means \$150 to each 25 foot lot—not prohibitive by any means. 'Twould be money profitably spent to pave all the business section of the town.

Whatever may be the result of the municipal election to be held in a few days, the Chieftain pledges its support to the men elected in every laudible enterprise attempted and will not attempt to embarrass or belittle their efforts for the advancement of Vinita.

The matter of water works for Vinita is sure to be an issue during the coming months. There are some large property owners who will oppose the proposition, but the people of the town generally favor the move and will not express themselves when the time comes.

If the white adopted citizens of the Cherokee nation don't hurry and employ an attorney to defend their interests the court of claims will have settled the case by ordering that they be enrolled. In this event they would miss a chance of putting up a fee to some lawyer.

From present indications the Dawes commission will have a knotty task to perform in straightening out and settling the contests that are now and will be pending in the Cherokee nation. It will, under existing law, be the next thing to impossible to protect the rights of all those involved.

The coming meeting of the press association of the Indian Territory at Muskogee is looked forward to with pleasure and interest throughout the Territory. A large and exceedingly interesting meeting is confidently expected. Muskogee is making preparations to entertain the quill drivers in a manner altogether fitting the occasion.

What do the knockers propose in the way of reform should the people of Vinita decide to turn the town over to them for the coming year? Figs are not found on thorn trees, neither is progress the fruit of the eternal fault finder. The present city government has been ridiculed and its efforts belittled from the beginning, but nothing better has been offered.

When the time comes for the selection of United States senators to represent the great state of Oklahoma combined with Indian territory, ex-Judge Chas. B. Stuart of South McAlester will about fill the bill on the part of the Indian

territory. There is no profounder lawyer, broader statesman, or more accomplished orator in the bounds of either territory. If the new state should be looking for a man who can take his place along with the big ones Stuart is the man.

Charles Gibson, the Indian writer, in the Eufaula, I. T., Journal: "The white man and the Indian both work in a field. The white man as soon as he hitches up his team to a plow, begins stating what a pile of money he will make at the gathering season, and forgets his weariness 'till night. The Indian runs to the house after a drink of water or to see how his arrows are seasoning, all day long letting his team rest. The negro gets more rest than either, having more sense than the others. He keeps quiet and rests his mind and body until he sees the boss whom he is always looking for when not asleep."

If all the corn and hay and other products of the farm could get to market it would put a large amount of money in circulation in this country and very materially effect the business of this town and of all other places in this part of the Indian country. Farmers are too busy however, getting ready for another crop to spare their teams to haul their stuff to market. On account of the long continued rains and the impassable roads, the movement of farm products to market practically ceased. But all this surplus must ultimately be sold and the prospect of pretty good times this summer is excellent.

The old cry that was indulged in for many years, that the Indians were obstructing the work of the Dawes commission, can no longer be raised. It is the Secretary of the Interior now that is hindering the commission and complicating affairs in the Indian Territory. His recent order eliminating the intermarried whites from the rolls of citizenship and sending the case to the court of claims for adjudication means a waste of valuable time. In the end this class of citizens will all be enrolled and share the distribution of land, and the secretaries order will only embarrass the commission in its efforts to finish up a very complicated task.

New Territory Corporation. Another new corporation has been added to the list in the Indian Territory. The new one is the Tribal Development Company of Tishomingo, I. T., and it will be launched in business on April 1, 1903, with a capital stock of \$100,000, with the following officers: P. S. Mosley, president; P. L. Soper, vice president; G. W. Barrie, secretary; B. H. Cobb, R. M. Harris, B. H. Colbert, S. L. Williams, Kirby Pardum, Jesse L. Jordan, W. C. Berry and W. C. Gunn. The object of the corporation is to buy, lease, sublease, sell and abstract titles to real estate in the Indian Territory.

NOTICE To Intermarried Whites in Cherokee Nation.

We have now contracted in writing with eight or nine hundred intermarried white Cherokee Indians to prosecute their claim against the Cherokee Nation for their equal portion share of all moneys heretofore paid out by the Cherokee Nation in which they were excluded, and an equal share of all public moneys due said Nation and their equal allotments in the public domain and have had bills both in the House and Senate of Congress for years authorizing suits to be brought in the courts to secure their interests. We are ready to make similar contracts with the others and for that purpose we will be at Vinita on Saturday, April 4th where will be pleased to meet all intermarried citizens of the Cherokee Nation to make other contracts and explain the true situation.

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Judges of Election.

Judge Jos A Gill Saturday appointed the following election judges and clerks for the municipal election to be held in this city April 6.

First Ward: Judges—John Chandler, L. W. Marks, T. C. Collins. Clerks—Fred Ratcliff, D. T. Hall.

Second Ward: Judges—W. R. McGeorge, W. C. Chamberlin, Marma Daniels. Clerks—Geo E McCullough, Chas Wasmann.

Third Ward: Judges—Jos Huot, J. F. Charlesworth, T. T. Wimer. Clerks—Ed Miller, C. R. Grifth.

Fourth Ward: Judges—John Swain, H. C. Hallard, Sam Burns. Clerks—Ed Stanley, W. W. Ward.

Judge Gill made an order for holding the election in the different wards at the same places designated by the city council.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved sister, Anna Mills. Therefore, be it resolved, that although Purity Chapter of Vinita has lost a helpful and beloved sister, we believe that Sister Mills has been added to Purity Chapter above where none but the pure in heart can enter.

Resolved, In behalf of Purity Chapter, No. 20, O. E. S., that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who rules wisely and well, yet we so deeply mourn her loss.

Resolved, That this chapter tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband in this his great affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the chapter and copy sent to the bereaved husband.

Mrs. C. WACASER, Sec. BERTHA WACASER, W. M.

PRODUCING EVIDENCE.

When the Bag Was Opened All Doubt as to Ownership Was Quickly Settled.

The other day an omnibus full of passengers drove up to its terminus in a London suburb. Side by side sat a commercial traveler and a lady temperance lecturer. The commercial seized his bag and started out. The lady made a grab after him, and he halted, relates Tit-Bits.

"I beg your pardon," she said; "but you have my bag."

"You are certainly mistaken, madam," the commercial said, courteously but firmly; "this is mine."

"No, sir," the lady replied firmly; "it is mine. I should know it among a thousand. You must not take it."

But the other persisted and the lady insisted, and they came very near quarreling. Presently one of the passengers pointed to a twin bag in the omnibus and asked:

"Whose is that?"

"It isn't mine," said the commercial. "It is just like it, but this is mine."

"And it isn't mine," said the lady. "He has mine and I want it, or I'll have the law on him. It's a pity if a lady can't travel alone in this country without being robbed of her property in broad daylight."

Finally the commercial said he would open the bag to prove his property. The lady objected at first, saying she did not want her bag opened in the presence of a crowd of strangers. But as there was no other means of settling the dispute she at length consented.

The commercial pressed the lock, opened the bag, and the curious passengers bent forward to see. On the top of everything lay a big, flat flask half full of whisky, a pack of cards, a meerschaum pipe, a quarter of a pound of tobacco, and one or two things that nobody knows the name of. The commercial was the first to recover his self-possession and speech.

"Madam," he said, "you are right. The bag is yours. I owe you a thousand apologies."

But the lady had fainted, and the commercial unlocked his bag with a quiet smile. Early in the same afternoon a sign painter received a note, in a feminine hand, asking him to come to a certain house to mark a black leather bag in white letters a "foot and a half deep."

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China silk ties decorated in Dresden or Dolly Varden effect are among the latest productions in neckwear.

Some of the newest skirts are trimmed with either graduated rows of velvet or a fancy velvet and braid galloon, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

White velveteen of an inexpensive quality and said to be washable is much favored for morning wear in the house, with white cloth or serge skirts.

For negligees and tea gowns eau de nil is a fashionable tint. It is particularly effective with trimming of cream lace spangled with mother of pearl.

A prominent feature of the spring costumes will be the cuffs. Even the plainest walking gowns will be distinguished for conspicuous cuffs, usually of the gauntlet type.

A milliner has introduced a new hat pin, the head of which is made of a neat little pompon of chenille. Worn with a felt hat it looks as if it was part of the trimming.

Cloth of two colors and types will be used on one frock, cloth strappings will decorate velvet and vice versa, and lace motifs will be tinted to match the gown they embellish.

For the long-tailed coat considerable vogue is predicted this season. It is an especially smart garment on tall figures and looks uncommonly well with a vest of soft lace and chiffon.

The most attractive form in which the separate fancy waist has made its appearance this season is in ivory velvet, arranged in large plaits, decorated with small gold buttons.

A charming spring model in millinery is of white moire silk, draped with tulle, gauged and tucked so as to resemble fur, with two long ostrich feathers curling around the brim.

In keeping with the fancy for velveteen, so much in evidence this winter, many of the new models are made of cloth, trimmed with velvet, the latter fabric being introduced in such a manner as to look as if it were woven with the cloth.

Braided skirts are decidedly the vogue according to foreign advices; sometimes the braid is just put on plainly in rows on either side of the plastron or it takes some Grecian or severe conventional design. With the closely plaited skirts, the plastron may be braided and another favored spring trimming for cloth dresses is decoquet velvet and lace incrustations.

Trimnings have been a feature of the winter gowns, and they promise to constitute the chief charm of the spring costumes. The tailor-made gowns will be elaborately trimmed with bands of velvet and braid artistically combined. Buttons of all sizes and all sorts will be used as a trimming. The demand for silk cords and tassels will be increased rather than diminished, and lace and silk embroidery will be introduced wherever there is a possible excuse for them.

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